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Housewives Driven To Non-kosher Shops?

Detroit Butchers Strike Back At Jewish Community Council

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DETROIT—Charges by the Jewish Community Council in the Detroit kosher meat prices dispute are driving Jewish housewives into non-kosher meat markets, a spokesman for the Detroit Kosher Butchers Association asserted this week.

David Krause, the spokesman, denied all charges against his association contained in a Community Council resolution criticizing the organized butchers March 24.

Krause in turn made fresh charges against the Community Council's internal relations committee. The dispute reached the breaking point last week when the Community Council formally accused the butchers of refusing to consider requests aimed at dealing with the high price of kosher meat in Detroit.

The request called for posting prices on bulletin boards in butcher shopts; writing prices of each purchase on the paper in which meat was wrapped and setting up a committee to work with the JCC on kosher meat problems.

"With all this premature publicity, they are only driving the Jewish public away from kosher stores and into the arms of non-kosher butchers," Krause said. "Women don't read the stories in the Jewish papers carefully and most of them don't even read them. But the story that gets around is that kosher butchers are overcharging their customers, so the women stop dealing with kosher butchers."

Agreement Violated

Krause charged that the JCC released the story to the local Anglo-Jewish press in direct violation of an agreement between the association and the committee. He said the agreement was that no statements were to be issued by either group until a solution was reached, when a joint statement was to be drafted.

He denied that the butchers had rejected the committee's requests. He said his organization had agreed to bring the issues before the next regular association meeting.

The JCC, however, insisted that the association call a special meeting, to prevent further time loss before a decision could be reached. Negotiations have been underway for a month.

A spot check, meanwhile, revealed that many kosher butchers in Detroit who have not been in the habit of tagging prices on meat displayed in their cases are doing so now.

The unofficial survey also disclosed that higher prices are being charged in more well-to-do neighborhoods for cuts of meat which bring lower prices in less prosperous sections.

Prices Are Different

Questioned about this, Krause said that better quality meats are sold in the better neighborhoods, hence the higher prices, which in some cases were reported as high as 15 cents more per pound for identical cuts.

One kosher butcher, who declined use of his name, admitted frankly that he sized up a customer as to ability to pay before quoting prices.

Bible Must Reading Bill For Schools Beaten

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (NJP)—The education committee of the California legislature this week killed a measure that would have required daily Bible reading in California schools.

The bill was opposed by the American Jewish Congress, as well as other groups.

Brooklyn ZOA Endorses Frisch; Can't Be Stopped Now, Say Backers

NEW YORK—The candidacy of Daniel Frisch for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America this week received what may be a decisive endorsement when the executive committee of the huge Brooklyn Zionist region voted overwhelmingly to suport the Hoosier Zionist leader.

The 59 to four vote Monday night placed the largest ZOA district of 24,600 members in the Frisch column. The vote went to Frisch despite a plea by Jack Goodman, brother of Abe Goodman of Miami, a ZOA vice president, that the present administration of the ZOA preferred to go into the forthcoming convention with a free hand.

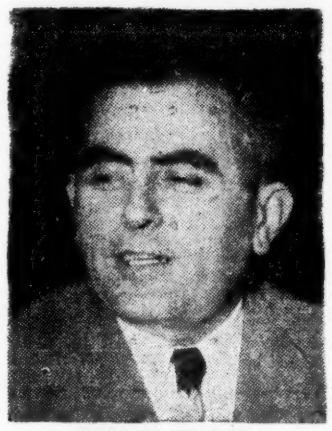
Following the announcement, an unverified rumor spread throughout Zionist circles that the administration, too, planned to hop on the Frisch bandwagon.

The likelihood that Frisch's hard-hitting drive for the nomination would bring a roaring battle at the 52nd annual ZOA convention May 28-30 was strengthened by comments of a spokesman for the opposition Committee for Progressive Zionism.

Informed of reports that even Frisch's enemies in the ZOA were ready to concede him the nomination, the spokesman told The Post: "We're not conceding anything."

He also dashed hopes for a compromise candidate agreement to avert an all-out convention battle by announcing flatly that "we will pick a slate of candidates at our nomination convention April 17."

Benjamin Browdy, president of the Brooklyn region, and an early Frisch backer, said the Monday vote did not bind the regional delegates to the convention but added that he was certain that at least 90 per cent of the delegates would vote for Frisch.



DANIEL FRISCH
Looks Like He's In

Browdy said he felt Frisch's nomination was assured and that the convention could not go against the big Brooklyn region.

Browdy, who was jubilant, said he did not see how Frisch could be stopped now. He left Tuesday night for Israel by plane with Mrs. Browdy, a trip which had been only tentative until the Monday night meeting.

Frisch earlier had picked up an endorsement from the executive committee of the Inwood district, which has a membership of 1,000.

The Indianapolis Zionist faced two potential barriers to his long-time hopes for heading the largest Zionist body in the world, observers here said.

One was the still remaining possibility that Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver might be induced to change his mind and revoke his earlier statement of refusal to run. It was understood at the Brooklyn meeting that if that happened, the resolution endorsing Frisch would be inoperative.

Dr. Silver received a specific request from the Alexandria ZOA district that he change his mind. The district at its March meeting voted confidence in the administraation of President Emanuel Neumann and asked Dr. Silver to run. The district has 120 members.

The other barrier was the untested strength of the CPZ, which took a tremendous beating in its first bid for power last July at the 51st ZOA convention. The CPZ suffered a setback this week at Camden, N. J., where CPZ sentiment reportedly had been strong.

The Camden board sponsored a debate at which Joseph Halpert, president of the Atlantic City ZOA district, spoke for the CPZ and a week later Jacques Torczyner, ZOA administration troubleshooter, spoke for the administration. He reportedly won many Camden Zionists back into the administration fold. (Details inside.)

Israel Independence Fete Set For May 4

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A monster celebration on the first anniversary of Israel's independence will be held here May 4 at Carnegie Hall under the auspices of the American Zionist Emergency Council, it was disclosed this week.

Although Israel issued her declaration of independence last May 15, the Jewish date—the fifth of Iyar—will be recognized by world Jewry.

The May 4 celebration here will be the only official Zionist activity, with all U.S. Zionists parties participating and agreeing not to hold separate celebrations, The Post was informed.

According to preliminary plans, the AZEC program will feature the New York Philharmonic Symphony orchestra conducted by youthful Izler Solomon of Columbus, O., who recently returned from Israel where he conducted the Israeli Symphony.

There will be three addresses delivered by top spokesmen from the Israeli government, the Jewish Agency, and AZEC. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, AZEC chairman, was expected to represent the Emergency Council.

PEORIA ZOA DISTRICT VOTES TO BACK CPZ AT CONVENTION

National Jewish Post

PEORIA, Ill.—A meeting of the Peoria district of the Zionist Organization of America last week voted to support the program of the opposition Committee for Progressive Zionism after listening to a CPZ spokesman.

The spokesman was Rabbi William P. Greenfeld of Indianapolis, a member of the CPZ executive. He spoke at the invitation of the Peoria district.

The vote of endorsement covered the CPZ program "and any candidates who may be chosen" at the forthcoming CPZ nominating conclave in New York City April 17.

Rabbi Greenfeld said he understood that the backers of the resolution had made it clear to the district that in the affirmative vote, the district's delegates to the ZOA convention were in effect, being instructed to vote for the CPZ ticket.

The Peoria district has 300 members. It is the home of Samuel Rothberg, a leader in both the CPZ and the Committee of Contributors, which was organized last year to fight ZOA control of the United Palestine Appeal.

WISE ILL; FORBIDDEN TO SPEAK OUTSIDE N. Y.; GETS CHECKUP

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Dr. Stephen S. Wise, noted American Jewish rabbinical and Zionist leader, went to the hospital for a check-up and rest after disclosing that his doctors have forbidden him to accept any speaking engagements outside of New York City.

Dr. Wise went to the hospital last Friday. He told a friend that he felt a "little better."

Last month, a huge dinner was held to celebrate his 75th birthday.

WISE

The audience that heard him deliver his farewell address to Boston Jewry was a tearful one. He spoke to some 1,500 people who jammed the Ford Hall Forum March 27.

Dr. Wise asked that he be permitted to be seated during the question period. However, at one point he sprang from his seat with the vigor of youth.

Someone in the audience had asked "what difference is there between Charles Lindbergh who in 1939 said that the Jews of America were leading us to war and Dr. Wise who in 1949 is stumping for peace?"

Dr. Wise roared back, "Lindbergh lied. I tell the truth."

1800 Israel Visas For U. S. Visitors

NEW YORK (JTA)—A total of 1,802 Israeli visas have been issued during the past three months to Americans wishing to visit the Jewish state, the Israeli Consulate here reported. Applications are being received at the rate of 30 daily, it added.

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JABA Program Study In N. Y. Only—Hurwitz

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Henry Hurwitz, editor of the MENORAH JOURNAL, said this week that the Synagogue Council of America plans to study implementation of his program only in New York for the present.

The plans for implementation of Hurwitz' proposal for a Jewish Assembly of Representatives of America were erroneously reported as on a nation-wide basis.

ROSENWALD FAMILY GIVES $550,000 TO 1949 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The largest single gift to date in the 1949 United Jewish Appeal was reported this week from the Rosenwald family, who gave $550,000.

The family includes William Rosenwald, president of the United Service for New Americans, and Lessing Rosenwald, president of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism. It was presumed the $550,000 gift did not include anything from the anti-Zionist leader.

The gift was disclosed at a dinner honoring Mrs. David M. Levy, executive chairman of the women's division of the New York UJA.

W. Rosenwald

Names In The News

MEYER LEVIN HITS DAVID WAHL; CHARGES MOVIES MESSED UP IN U.S.

SHARP words were fired this in Chicago by **Meyer Levin**, novelist, newsman and producer of such films as "My Father's House," "The Illegals" and "The Voyage of the Unafraid," at **David Wahl**, former executive director of Americans for Haganah. Levin growled that Wahl had "deliberately mismanaged" distribution of Levin's last two movies and threatened a court suit.

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The late Rabbi **Henry J. Berkowitz** of Portland, Ore., was a link in a chain of family tradition unique in the U. S. Reform rabbinate. Two of his uncles—the Henry J. Berkowitz who formed the Jewish Chatauqua Society, and Joseph Kraukopf, who established the National Jewish Farm school—were members of the Hebrew Union College's tiny class of 1883, its first.

The uncle-to-nephew chain remained unbroken by the Portland rabbi's death. Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern, spiritual leader of Congregation Ohef Sholom, Norfolk, Va., is a nephew of the second Rabbi Berkowitz.

New Posts And Old

Isaac Franck, whose departure from his post as executive director of the Detroit Jewish Community Council brought sharp protests two years ago against Detroit Jewry's penny-pinching refusal to match outside bidders, is back in the field after two years as executive director of the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions. Franck has been named executive director of the Washington, D. C. Jewish Community Council.

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A rabbi, Dr. **Bernard Bergman,** moved in this week as editor and publisher of the Jewish Morning JOURNAL, N. Y. Yiddish daily, along with a new owner, Morris Cohen, retired N. Y. real estate dealer. Rabbi Bergman, spiritual leader of the Home of the Sons and Daughters of Israel, promised wider international news coverage for the 50-year-old paper.

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A third term as president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society was voted this week to **Samuel A. Telsey.**

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Meyer L. Brown was inducted this week as president of the Jewish National Workers Alliance.

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New president of the bustling Temple Beth Sholom of Miami Beach is **Shephard Broad**, a vice president of the Zionist Organization Southeastern region.

AMG Speeds Transit For Polish Jews

WARSAW — (JTA) — American military authorities in Germany, who up to now have not allowed Polish Jews between the ages of 18 and 45 to proceed from Poland to Israel via Germany, have revoked this policy and are granting transit visas to Israel-bound Polish Jews, it was reported here.

As a result of the A.M.G.'s earlier restrictions, Jews from Poland en route to the Jewish state were compelled to go to France via Switzerland and Austria by plane. In some cases, prospective immigrants were sent from Poland to Italy by the Israeli legation here. However, lifting of A.M.G.'s ban now makes it possible for Polish Jews to proceed directly to Marseilles, for transshipment to Israel, via the overland route.

Agency Official OK's Jewish-Arab Switch

NEW YORK—The proposal for an exchange of populations between the Arabs of Palestine and the Jews in Moslem states was endorsed by Dr. Joseph B. Schchtman, a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, in a book published this week.

"Population Transfers in Asia," published by the Hallsby Press, discusses the huge exchanges brought by political reawakenings in Asia.

Police Crack Down On Stalinists

FRENCH ANTI-RED LEADER HIT BY ISRAELI CP TOMATO BARRAGE

TEL AVIV—Communist hecklers this week pelted French labor leader Leon Jouhaux with potatoes and oranges during a public address in the Tel Aviv Museum.

Jouhaux, president of the French "Force Ouvriere," spoke under the auspices of the French Mission to Israel and as a guest of the Histadrut.

The demonstration was part of Communist antagonism to the French labor leader because his "Force Ouvriere" had substantially weakened the Communist party grip on the French General Confederation of Labor.

The Communists dispersed when the police arrived. Earlier they had been ousted from a mosque in the Arab village of Yehudish, near Lydda airport where the party members had tried to form a club.

Police reported that the Communists had brought furniture to the Moslem place of worship and had hung portraits of Lenin and Stalin there. They also announced a big opening for Monday night but 15 minutes before the scheduled opening, police raided the premises and confiscated the furniture and decorations.

It was the first police action in Israel against the Communist party, which managed to capture only two seats in the Constituent Assembly in the January elections.

The sum of approximately $33,000,000 was transmitted to Israel by the Keren Hayesod in the United States during the past year, it was reported by Charles Ress, president of the organization.

'Over Night' Rabbis Get Short Shrift

Baltimore Kosher Bureau Fights Fraud in Passover Food Labelling

National Jewish Post

BALTIMORE—Substantial progress has been made by the bureau of kosher meat and food control of Baltimore, backed by the police power of the city, toward cleaning up the malpractices and chaos in the Passover food situation, Rabbi Nathan Drazin disclosed this week.

One of the major tasks of the three-year-old bureau is checking on the authority of rabbinical approval (hechsher) on foods for the Passover season, Rabbi Drazin said. He is spiritual leader of Shaarei Tfiloh synagogue and a charter member of the bureau.

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The bureau consists of three rabbis and three laymen appointed by the mayor on advice of the Orthodox Jewish Council. An inspector is the only paid official. The other six members donate their services to the bureau which has an office in the city hall.

How Its Done

Rabbi Drazin, in explaining how the checkup on rabbis works, said that during the past several months, many letters of certification arrived at the city hall from manufacturers of foods for Passover.

Such letters are turned over to Rabbi Drazin who checks the name of the certifying rabbi with the Rabbinic Register of the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox) and with the membership list of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U. S. and Canada.

Rabbi Drazin said that if the supervising rabbi is a member of these national Orthodox rabbinical groups, the Baltimore wholesaler is given immediate approval to sell his Passover products in Baltimore.

If the name of the supervising rabbi is not found in those lists, Rabbi Drazin checks with some rabbi in the neighborhood of the certifying rabbi.

Two Categories Found

Rabbi Drazin said he has found that unaffiliated rabbis belong to two categories: recent arrivals in the U.S. who have not had the opportunity for technical reasons to join a national rabbinical group and others who are completely unreliable and unacceptable for membership in a major rabbinical organization.

The Baltimore rabbi cited the case of a certifying "rabbi" on articles made in Boston. This person said in his letter that he was a member of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis for about 30 years.

The usual routine check by Rabbi Drazin produced a statement from the Union that the person in question was not a member. A Boston rabbi informed Rabbi Drazin that the individual "is not at all reliable and trustworthy." As a result those Boston products are not permitted for sale in Baltimore.

An indication of the care the bureau exercises to prevent any abuse of its police powers developed in connection with an article made near New York City.

The letter head of the certifying rabbi had on top the two words "Beth Din" (rabbinical court). The name of the rabbi was followed by the word "director." The letter head also contained an ornamental design of a Sefer Torah with two lions upholding it.

It Was Classy

On the top of the Torah was a crown and the heads of the two lions also were covered with two crowns, Rabbi Drazin said. Beneath this design appeared the words "Orthodox Rabbinical Tribunal" and "By the Grace of God."

"The letter had all the earmarks of a crackpot," Rabbi Drazin said. "Nevertheless, I sent an inquiry to a rabbi in New York, who reported that the rabbi in question was definitely unreliable. The product in question was banned for sale in Baltimore."

The police powers reside in the fact that the bureau was set up under a city ordinance. Any regulation adopted by the members of the bureau becomes part of the ordinance and violations are punishable by fines of from $50 to $500 and sentences of a month to one year in jail.

"We have certainly made a good beginning in cleaning up the mess and the chaos that existed in regard to sale of Passover products," Rabbi Drazin said. "Formerly, many grocery stores had little printed labels, 'Kosher for Passover,' which the merchants would stick on products as they pleased. This is no longer tolerated in our community."

"We have also driven out some of the charlatans who become rabbis over night to certify products as Kosher for Passover," he said.

DEWEY WILL HELP

ALBANY, N. Y.—(JTA)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey this week accepted the honorary chairmanship of the "Committee for the Celebration of the First Anniversary of the Creation of the State of Israel," to be held in the form of a "gigantic birthday party celebration" at Madison Square Garden in New York City on May 14.

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Board Reported Less Pro-CPZ After Talk

Torczyner Scores in Bid to Win Camden District for ZOA Leaders

By VERA COZEN
National Jewish Post Correspondent

CAMDEN, N. J.—(NJP)—If the Camden Zionist district swings into the ZOA administration column at the convention next month, credit should go to Jacques Torczyner, ace young trouble-shooter for the administration, it was agreed here this week.

The 850 members of the Camden district of the Zionist Organization of America are engaged in an unusual experiment of hearing both sides in the controversy between the administration and the opposition Committee for Progressive Zionism before making a decision.

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Joseph Halpert, president of the Atlantic City ZOA district, spoke at a Camden district meeting board meeting March 25 for the CPZ. Torczyner, a member of the ZOA national executive,, spoke last week.

Both meetings were closed to the press, on grounds that expression of opinion might be constrained if the press was present but information on the arguments of the debaters was made available.

JACQUES TORCZYNER
Did He Swing It?

Riddles CPZ Stand

Torczyner reportedly riddled the arguments of the CPZ and asserted that U. S. Jews "who heretofore never evinced any interest in Zionism of any kind, suddenly have become 'know-it-alls' because they are heavy contributors to the United Jewish Appeal."

He pounded away heavily on the theme that politics made strange bedfellows. He said the CPZ membership was made up of a collection of "disgruntled has-beens and overzealous newcomers, leftists, conservatives and many members who have never been Zionists but because they contribute heavily to the UJA, they want to be influential."

He Names Names

He listed Louis Lipsky among the "disgruntled has-beens," Robert Szold and Judge Louis Levinthals among the conservatives and Harold Goldenberg and Sam Rothberg among the contributors seeking influence in the ZOA.

Torczyner said the nearest thing to a difference in policy between the ZOA administration of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and President Emanuel Neumann and the CPZ was this: the CPZ argues that American Zionists must support financially and morally the Government of Israel no matter what the government is. The administration argues that American Zionist responsibility is to support and build up Israel financially and U. S. Zionists are not morally bound to support any government in pwer.

"For instance," Torczyner was reported as saying, "should we give unquestioned support to an extreme left-wing Mapam Government or perhaps even a Communist Government?"

Board Is Impressed

There was reportedly unanimous agreement among board members, after hearing Torczyner, that the ZOA is a democratic organization. Dr. Harold Berlin, Camden district president, said the executive board was very favorably impressed with Torczyner's presentation.

Berlin said he felt that those who had leanings toward the CPZ now were agreed that the ZOA had the better platform. There was evidence of strong CPZ support both among leaders and rank-and-file members of the Camden district in recent months, it was reliably reported.

Dr. Berlin said the next step will be to present the content of the two board meetings to the general membership at a meeting to be held in the near future. Action taken at that time will determine instructions to the delegates to the national convention in New York May 28-30, it was indicated.

First With The News
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Turkey Bans 'Oliver Twist' Run

ISTANBUL—(JTA)—The British movie, "Oliver Twist," which has been branded anti-Semitic and which was banned recently in the U. S. zones of Germany and Austria, will not be exhibited in Turkey, Dr. Lufti Kirder, governor of Istanbul, this week notified leaders of the local Jewish community.

The decision to ban the British film was made following a request by Salomon Adatto, member of the National Assembly, to Interior Minister Emin Erishirghil that the motion picture be viewed by a special commission prior to its showing. The commission said that the film was "apt to hurt a certain category of citizens" and on this basis recommended that it be banned.

Report Soviet-Jewish Writers Under Arrest

BRUSSELS — (WNS) — The prominent Soviet-Jewish writers and poets Itzik Feffer, Peretz Markish, Nistor and S. Halkin are under arrest, according to reports reaching here from highly reliable diplomatic sources in Russia.

There are rumors that the famous Yiddish writer, David Bergelson, is among the arrested and that he will be tried together with Feffer. The men are said to have been arrested on charges of harboring Zionist sympathies.

3 of 7 Israeli Freed By Rumania

BUCHAREST—(JTA) — Three of the seven Israeli who have been under arrest by the Rumanian Government on charges of "interfering with the internal affairs" of the country were released earlier, it was announced this week.

The three are Andrei Stoessel, Adam Rabinovitch and Leon Negru. They will soon proceed to Israel by rail. Meanwhile, no information concerning the four other Israelis who are still under arrest was available here.

Uproarious Meet Presages Court Suit

East-West Fight for Control Rocks Denver Jewish Hospital

National Jewish Post

DENVER—A court battle loomed this week over control of the nationally famous Jewish Consumptive Relief Society hospital here following a yelling, booing, cat-calling meeting of opposing factions.

The lever in the struggle was disposition of funds collected by auxiliaries of the society in the eastern part of the United States.

Spokesmen in the struggle were Kenneth W. Robinson, attorney for 20 auxiliaries whose leaders claim they were disfranchised from the 46th annual convention, and Philip Hornbein, Sr., an attorney for the other auxiliaries and for the society's trustees.

The broiling meeting centered on the refusal of the dissident local auxiliaries to help support the Denver hospital as long as annual meetings were held in Denver rather than in New York.

Some 200 persons were present in the sanatorium auditorium last week when Mrs. Mark Harris of New York, acting as chairman, opened the meeting. She pleaded for harmony and settlement of the dispute without interrupting care for the ill.

Robinson presented the statement for the opposition. His carefully-phrased objections were clearly intended to prepare the way for a court hearing. He asserted that by custom and practice. meetings have been held in New York and the location could not be changed without a vote of the membership. He said the Denver meeting was illegal because "the members were not properly notified" and he charged that the present trustees were not a legal board.

Horbein answered with a counter-charge that the dissidents were acting illegally themselves, that a Colorado corporation should properly have its annual meeting in Colorado and that the money collected for care of patients should not be put to any other use.

He charged that the advisory board of the organization has no authority but has set out to "crucify and destroy" the organization.

Members of the eastern group admitted that contributions were being withheld by many of the auxiliaries, most of them in big eastern cities. They insisted, however, that the present board was illegal and that they had been improperly disfranchised.

It was disclosed that more than $250,000 in contributions was being held by various groups, pending outcome of the battle. The JCRS usually receives nearly $1,000,000 a year from some 11,000 contributors.

The dissidents, organized in a national emergency council, charged that under the existing administration, only 162 beds in the hospital are occupied and that scores of patients have left because of dissatisfaction with treatment.

The main target of the dissenters was Dr. Lewis I. Miller, secretary of the society and chairman of the medical advisory board. He was accused of dominating the present board of directors.

The dissenters said that seven Denver and seven New York members of the board were informed that their membership had terminated despite the fact that no board election was held last year.

They also charged that 20 auxiliaries of the society had been informed that their charters had been rescinded or did not receive invitations to the current annual meeting.

ROME—(JTA)—The emigration of Tripolitanian Jews to Palestine, which in the past the British have permitted only by way of Italian ports, will henceforth be permitted by a direct crossing to Haifa, it was announced here this week.

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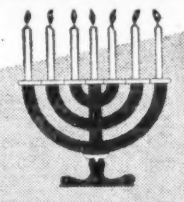
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ATTACK ON RITUAL CIRCUMCISION BY FREETHINKER MOSTLY EMOTION

"In The Name of Humanity," By Joseph Lewis, Eugenics Publishing Company, 158 pages, $2.00

By WARD MOORE

WHEN I was a boy, as a very new pupil in boarding school, I heard the headmaster explain why he chose to fast on Yom Kippur. "Yes," he said complacently, twirling the Phi Beta Kappa key that hung down from his little potbelly, "Yes. I think we should allow our digestive systems a rest one day of the year."

The process of rationalizing the commands of the Eternal and fitting them neatly into the demands of a scientific and modern culture goes on today as it did 35 years ago. Swine are hosts to trichnosis, therefore it is inadvisable to eat pork; hellfish are scavengers—beware of ptomaine. Observation of the Sabbath prevents fatigue; Pasach and Succos make semiannual housecleaning mandatory.

By the time these rationalizations are piled one on top of the other to account for every ceremony, ritual, command and prohibition of our religion, one is a little dazed by all this logic, and begins to think of Moses our teacher rather as Dr. M. Levi, physician and surgeon, a sanitary engineer with degrees not only in medicine, but in public health, bacteriology, chemistry, hygiene and city planning. The religious leader has been lost in the physiologist; God has been displaced by the frigidaire.

Possibly the command which has been explained and denatured more than any other is that which enjoins all male Jews to wear the sign of the covenant in their flesh. All sorts of scientific excuses have been found and paraded by their urbane discoverers as the true and valid reasons for circumcision. The fact that it was commanded by the God of Abraham to distinguish Jews from non-Jews embarrasses the streamliners of Judaism—someone might think they were actually taking such outmoded stuff as the Torah seriously, when really they are as civilized and up to date as if they weren't Jews at all.

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AS LONG AS there are jews read to throw away the fundamental tenets of Judaism, retaining only such anemic and irrelevant byproducts as the pretexts of hygiene and culture, there will be silly individuals popping up to prove that properly refrigerated ham is just as healthy as pastrami, that oysters are no more injurious than lox, and that circumcised Gentiles are no smarter than uncircumcised ones.

Joseph Lewis, president of the Freethinkers of America, and author also of "The Tyranny of God," and "The Bible Unmasked," has made the startling discovery that circumcision is a religious ceremony among Jew and that it serves no scientific nor hygienic purpose. "In the Name of Humanity," shouts Mr. Lewis, circumcision must stop.

Clearly there is no use arguing with the unmasker of the Bible about such things as the election of Israel and the covenant between God and Abraham. If God did not exist, Mr. Lewis would not only find no necessity for inventing Him, but a positive urge to restrain all ambitious devisers. Mr. Lewis is no more at home with the conception of monotheism than I am with the mathematics of relativity. To him the bris is a barbaric survival; to us it is a necessary, joyful and deeply significant occasion. Mr. Lewis doubtless pities such a one as me, lost in superstition, when he has already explained all about the tyranny of God and unmasked the Bible.

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SO FOR THE purpose of this review I will concede Mr. Lewis his points: That circumcision is religious; that it is unessential to hygiene; that some mohelim are unskillful; that instances have been known of haemophiliacs dying after the ceremony. It does not seem an overwhelming case for the invocation "In the Name of Humanity."

But Mr. Lewis will not be satisfied with these concessions. He carries on controversy with all the bad manners of a cop trying to railroad a prisoner. No code of fairness prevents him from introducing matters quite extraneous to the discussion in order to insinuate the worst against those he attacks. Thus the chapter entitled Religious Fanaticism and Sexual Mutilation drags in the revolting orgies of some obscure Christian sects—who do not happen to practice circumcision.

By placing their rites in juxtaposition to the bris, Mr. Lewis slyly gets across the idea that there is negligible distance between circumcision and castration, mamaectomy, and, in fact, any painful and disagreeable practice you might name. This is indeed rough and tumble polemics.

But the author does not depend entirely on the discovery that circumcision is religious and Gentiles sometimes do nasty things. He has another weapon; unsupported repitition. Sometimes a quotation, often a flat statement, buoyed up neither by argument nor citation, these repititions are frequently introduced by such phrases as "it is known and acknowledged." It is too easy to set up such straw men and then demolish them with flimsy arrows.

The obsessive nature of Mr. Lewis' revulsion against circumcision becomes obvious when he begins speaking of its grave psychological consequences. Indeed, all of what the author considers his "reasons" are emotions. Hysteria makes his arguments so far-fetched they could be used, one and all, against another ancient danger inflicted on human beings at a tender age—being born. Being born is an outrageous, dangerous, irrational experience, sometimes fatal, forced upon its "victims" without their consent; and many reputable psychiatrists agree that it probably causes trauma. "In the Name of Humanity," will Mr. Lewis write a book urging that birth be done away with?

HURWITZ APPLIES FOR RABBI'S COURT HEARING ON CHARGE OF UJA FUND ABUSE

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Henry Hurwitz, editor of the MENORAH JOURNAL, announced this week he had formally petitioned the New York Board of Rabbis for a Beth Din (rabbinical court) to hear his charges of misuse of United Jewish Appeal funds.

Hurwitz said he had asked for a hearing on his Din Torah, a public suit for trial and judgment by a rabbinical court.

Charging that non-relief agencies had again been tacked on to the New York United Jewish Appeal campaign, Hurwitz said that repeated requests to the management of the New York UJA for agreements with the non-relief groups and the extent of their shares in the campaign have been met with silence.

He said such secrecy was contrary to sound democratic policy and harmful to the welfare of American Jewry as a whole.

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THE National JEWISH POST

Judge Rothenberg Disqualifies Self In Case Of Three Who Tossed Tomatoes At Bevin In N. Y.

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Judge Morris Rothenberg, acting national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, refused to accept a plea of guilty from three youths brought before him for throwing tomatoes at British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and disqualified himself in the case last week.

The three defendants were brought before him in mid-Manhattan Magistrate's Court on charges of disorderly conduct at the mass picketing of Bevin who arrived here en route to Washington to join in signing the Atlantic pact.

Rothenberg

"I have such a feeling of sorrow for the tens of thousands of survivors of the Nazi terror whom Mr. Bevin prevented from finding refuge in the Jewish homeland and caused to be imprisoned in the island of Cyprus, where they endured long months of further sufferings and humiliation, that I do not feel I can properly exercise the judicial function in these cases," the former Zionist Organization of America president said.

The demonstration against Bevin, arch-foe of Jewish aspirations in Palestine, was organized by the Joint Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism. The committee is the defense agency of the pro-Communist Jewish People's Fraternal Order and the American Jewish Labor Council.

The Committee said the picketing was organized "because of Bevin's slurs against Jewish citizens of New York City," and "British encouragement of anti-Semitism in British occupied Germany."

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency said that at least one organization of the right wing Revisionist Zionists also picketed Bevin.

None of the vegetables hit the British Foreign Secretary. The JTA also reported that the British Embassy in Washington asked for extra police protection for Bevin but no picketing occurred in Washington.

Isaiah Scrolls Fake, Says Zeitlin In New Blast; Proof Promised

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The battle over the authenticity of the recently-discovered Isaiah scrolls was resumed this week when Dr. Solomon Zeitlin reiterated his doubts that the scrolls were genuine and promised a "full analysis" of "these so-called discoveries" in a few weeks.

The debate began when Dr. Zeitlin, Professor of Rabbinical Literature at Dropsie College, reported in an article in the January issue of the JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW, that he doubted the authenticity of the scrolls.

Dr. Zeitlin said in that article that the scrolls were possibly medieval writing and not Biblical. He noted that the Bedouins who said they found the scrolls in an abandoned cave refused to bring in the jars, which he said might have substantiated the antiquity of the scrolls.

The discovery of the leather-bound scrolls in a cave in August, 1947, was called the greatest manuscript discovery of modern times. They contained a commentary on the Book of Habakkuk, the complete text of the Book of Isaiah and a manual of discipline for a Judaic sect.

Sukenik Disagreed

Dr. Zeitlin was promptly challenged by E. L. Sukenik, Professor of Palestinian archaeology and director of the Museum of Jewish Antiquities at Hebrew University.

Dr. Sukenik said examination of the findings had convinced him of their authenticity and said that Dr. Zeitlin had been misinformed about the refusal of the Bedouins to bring in the jars.

He said the reason for the situation was simple. He said he had purchased the jars.

"The cause of scholarship would have been better served had Dr. Zeitlin withheld his comments until a substantial portion of the manuscripts had been published, together with photographs and facsimilies," Dr. Sukenik concluded. (NJP March 25).

Expidetion Confirms It

At the same time that Dr. Sukenik was affirming the validity of the findings, a scientific expedition to the Dead Sea returned to Jerusalem with what its members said was conclusive evidence that the scrolls were the oldest known manuscripts of the Old Testament.

Dr. Zeitlin presented his rebuttal this week in a letter to the N. Y. TIMES.

"From Dr. Sukenik's letter, the lay reader would receive the impression that my skepticism regarding the genuineness of the scrolls is based merely on the absence of the jars as evidence," he declared.

"As a matter of fact, my skepticism is founded on internal evidence which proves that the manuscripts were written in the Middle Ages. The question of the jars is only incidental," Dr. Zeitlin declared.

Dr. Zeitlin nevertheless hinted he was doubtful about the purchase by Dr. Sukenik and said "it would be highly interesting to know when and how many jars he purchased and especially the names of the men from whom he bought them."

Evidence Is Definite

Taking issue with Dr. Sukenik's comment that the analysis in the review should have been withheld until more of the manuscripts had been published, Dr. Zeitlin retorted that "enough of them, however, were published to give evidence that they are not of the pre-Christian period."

"On the contrary, scholarship would be better served if the scholars would not hasten to make of these discoveries sensational 'finds' in the press, over the radio and at public meetings, particularly in the face of skepticism expressed by many scholars here and abroad both as to their date and genuineness," he said.

He promised that "a full analysis of these so-called 'discoveries' will appear in the forthcoming April issue of the JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW."

NEW YORK—(JTA)—A National Assembly for Labor Israel will be held here in June, the Labor Zionist Organization of America announced this week. American Jews prominent in the fields of art, communal service, social welfare, education, religion, journalism and public affairs have been invited.

Anti-Hate Films Barred To Germans

MUNICH (WNS)—Anti-Nazi films such as "Long is the Way" and "The Murderers Among Us" will no longer be shown German audiences, it was disclosed here this week.

The reason behind the decision of the cinema owners not to show such films is said to be fear of German demonstrations against the showing of such pictures.

Irgun Backing Fails For Stateless Jew

TEL AVIV—A Heruth (Irgun) deputy in the Israel Assembly failed this week to force action by the Assembly on the demand of Sidney Stanley, stateless Polish Jew, that he be admitted to the Jewish State, the Jewish Telegraph Agency reported.

Stanley, who was involved in an investigation of a British scandal, sought a visa for Israel when British officials tried to deport him and the Polish Government refused to accept him.

His visa application was twice rejected by the Israeli Government and Stanley thereupon hired Max Seligman, a Tel Aviv attorney, to start suit to force his admittance.

Eri Jabotinsky, the Heruth deputy, challenged the right of the Israeli Government to limit the right of Jews to enter Israel for any reason. Jabotinsky's challenge was turned down when the Assembly moved to consider another point on the agenda.

Greek Heirless Goods Go To Needy Jews

NEW YORK — (NJP) — The American Jewish Committee announced this week that King Paul of Greece has signed a decree transferring heirless Jewish property to a Jewish foundation for the rehabilitation of needy Greek Jews.

The property involved has an estimated value of $5,000,000, AJCommittee officials said.

I Think As I Please

JEWISH CEMETERY PROMOTION IN N.Y HAS SOME NAUSEATING ELEMENTS

By CARL ALPERT

Not long ago the New York newspapers carried stories about an investigation being undertaken into the "cemetery racket," whereby speculators and operators of private cemeteries were turning cheap farm acreage into multi-million dollar grave enterprises. I haven't seen any new developments on the investigation, but the lurid cemetery advertising to which New Yorkers have been treated should certainly have indicated that something was amiss.

It may be perfectly true that some cemeteries are more beautiful than others; undoubtedly the thoughtful selection of grave plots far in advance of need may do much to ease the bitterness of purchase in time of stress and grief, but the New York ads have done more than advance these dignified arguments. There have been examples of huckstering at its lowest and its cheapest, all the more in poor taste considering the subject matter.

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FOR EXAMPLE, NOT LONG ago we were treated to a full page advertisement in the daily press with the heading, in horribly hideous art work: "Why Jewish Families are Turning Away from the Miscellaneous Sections of the Cemetery." But the copy writer really gave it the old one-two punch as he swung into the proper ad-writer's rhythm: "Think of it! Your own choicely located 4-grave Private Family Plot for as little as $200 . . . It may be hard for you to believe, but you can easily prove to yourself that by selecting your Private Family Plot here, NOW, you can actually save over $1,000."

Full page advertisements are the rule, and most of them make liberal use of photographs, drawings or cartoons to attract attention. Many have employed the technique known as "Before and After," made popular by patent medicines guaranteed to cure skin diseases. In one ad the device is used as follows:

"NOW! Once and for all, make sure that these heartaches will never be yours." The artist presents his conception of the widow at the cemetery on the day before the funeral, looking over the real estate. The salesman is pointing out the choice locations. It is raining, and they stand miserably under the umbrella. Caption: "Wrong Way—In Time of Emergency". On the other side is a drawing of a happy family, papa, mama and daughter, seated around their living room table and examining the prospectus which the kind salesman has brought. Caption: "Right Way—Before Needed".

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ANOTHER AD ADVISES that you can make sure your Family Plots "will look like this" (pictures of three beautiful gardens)—"and NOT like this" (pictures that look as if they were taken in the medieval Jewish cemetery in Prague).

Is this a cemetery they are talking about? It is described as "a beautiful garden of sacred memories, with trees, colorful flowers, graded lawns, wide paved roads, meditation arbors, multi-colored sidewalks and convenient parking spaces within the grounds." Apparently, only by accident has mention been omitted of the family picnic tables and the bathing facilities.

Location is a favorite talking point. One cemetery, in an ad laid out with professional attractiveness, notes that the grounds are located "RIGHT IN THE HEART OF NEW YORK CITY—ideally located, only 3 blocks from the nearest subway." That may be desirable from the point of view of accessibility—but who wants to spend eternity lying three blocks from a subway? It's a gruesome thought.

One cemetery advertises that its uniform bronze memorial plaques makes for "true Democracy, which knows no class or wealth distinction." Another proudly advertises: "Exclusive," and emphasizes the "Private Estate" aspects.

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I don't know what the situation has been in other large metropolitan centers, but New York has had a disgusting and nauseating exhibition of this sort of thing. It should therefore come as no surprise that profiteering has been rife, and that unscrupulous business people have been reaping fortunes in graves. Is nothing sacred? Is there no dignity, even in death? Can there be no authority in Jewish life to prevent such shameless and degrading and demeaning practices?

FIRST IN TURKEY

ISTANBUL — (JTA) — The Turkish government transport, the "S.S. Cumhuriyet," left here this week with approximately 500 Jewish emigrants for the Israeli port of Haifa. It is the first state-owned vessel to make the direct run from Istanbul to Haifa.

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Names In The News

GERMAN TRADE EXHIBIT IN N. Y. CALLED CONVENTION OF KILLERS

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

THE Yiddish press has reacted with revulsion to the announcement that an exposition of German products will take place at the New York museum of Science and Industries beginning April 9.

In an article entitled, "Murders at an Exhibition," M. Danzis, of the DAY, summarizes the bitter feelings of his colleagues. He reports that the U. S. Occupation forces in Germany granted German authorities the right to select their own representatives to the show, but that so many selected were dyed-in-the-wool Nazis that the list had to be returned for revision.

Despite a promise by the color-blind U. S. officials that every German slated to come to the exhibit would be carefully screened, the Anti-Nazi League cites the names and addresses of many out-and-out Nazis who have been cleared.

The League furthermore charges that a number of the German firms to be represented are former Jewish-owned outfits still run by former Hitlerites who have never been asked to disgorge their stolen goods. Danzis concludes with the stern demand that "no Jewish foot shall tread upon the floor of the Exposition of German murderers," for "it is the holy duty of every Jew to avoid this reminder of our martyred dead."

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Largest Hospital Head Son of A Rabbi

The head of the world's largest hospital is the son of a Russian rabbi, a reader of the FORWARD, and a student of Maimonides. He is Dr. Phibias Berman, since 1928 chief medical director of the 4000-bed Los Angeles County Hospital.

Louis Shafer, of the FORWARD, learned from Dr. Berman's brother, Pinche, that the great doctor ran away from his father's home at an early age, made his way to the U.S. in 1913 when, at the age of 23, he entered the U. of Southern California.

At an oral entrance exam for admittance to medical school, young Berman could still speak little English and his examiner was stymied until Berman suggested that the exam proceed in Latin, which both understood. When Shafer asked the doctor how he came by his Greek name, the reply was: "How else would you translate 'Zaivush.'"

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German Jews in Israel Still Having a Time

Lo, the poor "yekels," as the German Jews are called in Israel! The latest jest at their expense concerns one who applied for permission to Hebraize his name, as so many other Israeli are doing. When asked what his "German" name was, he replied: "Cohen."

The most ingenious name-change is that of the Mizrachi leader, Rabbi Meir Berlin, whose new moniker is "Bar Elan" (son of the tree). Least likely to change his name is the Sternist leader, Friedman, whose name would have to be Ish Sholom ("Man of Peace").

Further gossip from Israel: one of the 40 sons of Ibn Saud is in Israel where he has fallen in love with a Jewish girl whom he plans to marry. (L. S. Beeley, in the AMERICAN.)

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Brickner Call For Meet Gets Hand of Applause

The proposal made by Rabbi Barnett Brickner for a convocation of intellectual receives a warm endorsement from S. Niger in the DAY. It is about time, says Pundit Niger, for the "chachamim" to assemble in order to chart the course of American Judaism. In the first of a series on the Brickner proposal, Niger calls for a "quiet bull-session" of American Jewish "intellectual-ethical leadership." The get-together should represent all parties and groups, but the conference should be free of partisanship. For today, says Niger, "the men of the moment," not "the men of the mind" dominate Jewish life.

First With The News
National Jewish Post

Former Top Nazi Heads German Show In N.Y.

NEW YORK—(WNS)—A notorious Nazi official of the prewar Nazi Embassy in Washington is now advisor to the German Bizonal Administration, among the promoters of the German industrial exposition slated to open here on April 9, it was charged by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

The official, spokesmen of the League stated, is Dr. Heribert Von Strempel, who was the first secretary to the German Embassy. A 1941 White Book issued by a House committee accused Strempel of having abused his diplomatic privileges through disseminating Nazi propaganda.

Jewish Education Book Published By Katzoff

NEW YORK — Bloch Publishing Co. announced publication last week of "Issues in Jewish Education," by Rabbi Louis Katzoff of Easton, Pa.

The new book is an analysis of the philosophy of the Conservative Judaism school.

The Record Rack

KUSEVITSKY'S FIRST ALBUM RATED THRILLING PERFORMANCE

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● The Cantor of Warsaw, whose fame has spread throughout the Jewish world, makes his first big-time recording appearance, and in every respect it is not only satisfactory but often thrilling.

What distinguishes Kusevitsky is possession of a fine tenor and good musical taste. He breathes well, sings from the diaphragm and phrases so well that the nasal wail which marks the performances of many of his colleagues is here conspicuously and joyfully absent. The four songs, a combination of prayer and cantillation, are delivered with dignity and clarity.

Although Kusevitsky's voice cannot be called large, it is especially good in the upper register where most cantorial scale takes place. His high trills, sung chiefly in successive triplets, are wonderful.

Included in the album are "L'Dor Vodor," a sustained cantorial; "Sheiboneh Beis Hamikdosh," joyous and tuneful; "Akavyo Ben Mahalel," a full-voice chant, and "Unipnei Chatoeinu," a melody composed of Chassific tunes. The recording is good, with the final song the clearest. The thin, piping accompaniment lends no luster to the Cantor's voice.

J. G.

Prayers and Songs for the Sabbath. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, reader; Free Synagogue Choir, conducted by A. W. Binder; and Evelyn Sachs, contralto, Lawrence Davidson, baritone, and Alexander Richardson, organist. Three 12-inch records, Set MO-1192. RCA Victor $4.

● In the music of the synagogue, there are three fundamental elements that appear—cantillation modes, or unrhythmical chants in which the Torah lesson is generally read; prayer modes, or scale-like motifs employed at various times during the service, and melodies made up of tunes written in the above modes. These elements are all represented in the 12 songs included in this album.

For their simple beauty and quiet eloguence, "Prayers and Songs for the Sabbath" are a revelation of a kind of pure art seldom heard except in their traditional religious setting. In this instance, taken from their usual background, they are not only emotionally moving but rich listening fare. Evelyn Sachs and Lawrence Davidson both received Metropolitan Opera contracts after making this recording.

Rabbi Wise is widely known for his superb speaking voice. A. W. Binder is musical director of the Free Synagogue and music director at the 92nd Street YMHA in New York City. The songs they have combined to give you are: Call to Prayer, Borchu, Prayer, The Faith of Israel, Shma Yisroel, Veohavto, L'Maan Tizkeru, Psalm 23, Kiddush, Adoration, Va Anachnu and Kaddish.

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Suspected Nazi Killer Identified On DP Boat

NEW YORK—(WNS)—A Lithuanian refugee, alleged by a fellow passenger to have been one of a group of Nazi storm troopers who incarcerated him in a concentration camp, was sent to Ellis Island for further screening by immigration officials after his arrival here this week.

The Lithuanian was Albertas Bauras, who was accused by Herman Borenkraut, a Polish Jew. Mr. Borenkraut made his charge to the officers of the liner, Marine Falcon, two days after leaving Hamburg. Both men and their families were detained, the Borenkrauts as witnesses.

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Women's Viewpoint

SOME TIPS ON MAKING THE SEDER INTERESTING TO YOUR CHILDREN

By HELEN COHEN

SOME lively advice by Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg on conducting the Seder is offered in his Temple El Bulletin, Rochester, N.Y.: He writes:

How do you have a successful party?

You plan it, of course.

Each home must carefully analyze its own needs and, in the light of its family membership, INTELLIGENTLY plan the Seder service. The Seder service should have a beginning and an end. It should have important highlights, carefully placed, and readings distributed among all the table participants, almost as one would distribute the parts of a play. It should run smoothly and dramatically, and not be, in the eyes of our children, a jumbled hodge-podge.

Use English wherevere possible. Use alternate, responsive unison readings. Select passages from modern books dealing with the idea of freedom. Trace it back to the earliest Hebrew idealists. Show the vivid connection between Moses' purusit of freedom, and Jefferson's. Integrate, harmonize and dramatize. These are the three cardinal rules for a beautiful Seder service.

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SOME time ago The Post printed a group of prayers for children. The prayers, which appeared in Ruth Paller's column, were mainly suitable for bed-time or in the morning.

There are a few reprints left, if you care to have one. Just drop The Post a line.

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I WONDER if the non-Jewish citizens of our fair nation know how they try our poor Jewish mothers' souls.

The minute I stepped into the neighborhood dime store with the children last week, I knew I had made a horrible mistake. The boys were safe enough with their eyes on tool chests and toy guns. But once our seven-year-old daughter caught sight of the vast and dazzling array of Easter wares, she was lost beyond recall.

To make the story mercifully brief, after our shopping expedition, she walked into the house and confronted her father with a brave display of words:

"See my pretty new basket, Daddy. It's not an Easter basket—just a plain, ord'nary basket for all year around. And it cost only a dime. And anyway, I'll need it for the Easter eggs we make in school."

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TWO new volumes of Jewish history have come in the mail. They are "Israel, a History of the Jewish People," by Rufus Learsi, and "Story Without End," by Solomon Landman and Benjamin Efron.

And we can expect more to be forthcoming. That is, if the saying is true that people like to read stories with a happy ending.

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EVERYBODY snickered when Mrs. Cohen said she trought fathers were necessary. But let a top psychiatric authority make the same statement and that's a different story.

Dr. Edward A. Strecker, University of Pennsylvania Medical school, wrote on "The Vanishing American Father" recently in THIS WEEK magazine, describing the tragic results of one-sided upbringing.

'Your son needs a man around whom he can imitate," explains Dr. Strecker. "You want him to glory in physical strength, learn to be aggressively fearless, resourceful, protective—in short, masculine. He will not learn that from his mother.

"Your daughter needs her father for another reason. You and you alone set the pattern for her future opinion of men."

"Most modern fathers," insists the author, "are in full retreat from their parental duties."

34,000 PIONEERS

NEW YORK — (JTA) — The Pioneer Women's Organization has raised $600,000 for Israel since last October while its membership has increased by 5,600 during the same period bringing the organization's total enrollment to 34,000, it was reported this week at the national board meeting of the Pioneer Women.

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 — "The Slave," a radio dramatization by Sigmund Miller, to mark the Passover Season, on the "Eternal Light" program, 1:30 p. m. EST, NBC.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10—Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman of Temple Israel, St. Louis, in the second of a series of four talks on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a. m. EST, ABC.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10—Dr. Israel Tabak, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, will deliver a Passover message on "Church of the Air," 10:30 a.m. EST, CBS.

Jewish Agency Offers 150 Scholarships

NEW YORK—(JTA)—Nearly 150 scholarships for a year's stay in Israel will be offered this year to American Zionist youth between the ages of 18 and 25, it was announced here this week by the youth department of the Jewish Agency.

Sponsoring the scholarships are various Zionist organizations which will select candidates who are to be approved by a five-man national board of judges composed of leading Jewish educators. The Zionist Organization of America is offering 100 scholarships. The American Zionist Youth Commission—made up of Junior Hadassah, Masada, IZFA, Young Judea, as well as Habonim, Hashomer Hatzair, Junior Mizrachi Women, Hechalutz Hadati—have joined the plan and will specify how many scholarships they propose to sponsor as soon as financial arrangements have been made.

Your Name Column Resumed Next Week

What Foods These Morsels Be

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ACCESSORIES to add excitement to your Passover soups are the topic for this week.

MANDLECH

Number 1

½ tsp. potato flour
⅛ tsp. salt
⅔ cup cake meal
3 eggs, beaten

Beat eggs, add cake meal, potato flour and salt. Knead, roll out ¼ inch thick and cut into ¼-inch cubes. Fry until brown in deep fat heated to 375 degrees.

Number 2

⅓ cup fat
⅔ cup water
1½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
6 eggs
2 cups matzo meal

Mix fat, water and seasoning, and bring to a boil. Pour the liquid gradually onto the matzo meal, mixing well with a fork. Beat eggs into mixture, and knead thoroughly. Grease hands, roll dough into marbles about ½ an inch thick. Place on greased cookie sheet and bake at 400 degrees until brown.

NOODLES

1 cup potato flour
½ cup cake meal
5 eggs

Mix ingredients, and knead thoroughly. Roll dough out as thin as possible, and set aside for an hour to dry somewhat. Cut into any desired shape or size, and let dry. Set aside, and when needed boil in salted water for 20 minutes.

POTATO KNOEDEL

1½ cups matzo meal
3 eggs
1 cup raw potato, grated
¼ cup chicken fat
¾ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
½ cup water

Beat all ingredients together, let stand an hour. Grease hands, roll mixture into balls the size of a walnut. Drop into boiling salted water, and let cook about an hour.

LIVER KNOEDEL

½ pound liver
1 onion, sliced
1½ cups boiling water
¼ tsp. pepper
¼ cup fat
1 tsp. salt
1⅔ cups matzo meal
3 eggs

Bake liver, and grind with onion. Onion may first be fried until brown, if desired. Pour boiling water over matzo meal, let cool. Add liver and onions, eggs, fat, salt and pepper, and mix thoroughly. Roll into balls the size of a walnut, drop into boiling salted water, and let boil 20 minutes.

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Correction

Thank you for printing my Passover recipes. I should like to tell you, however, that in the date and nut torte recipe you omitted the amount of eggs. The recipe requires four eggs.

Ida Price
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Los Angeles.

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Friday, April 8, 1949

The Editor's Chair

MY GOOD FRIEND, Ben Epstein, head of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, took exception to two items that appeared in The Post and charged that The Post was at fault in printing them and that it exceeded journalistic propriety in so doing.

Ben objected to a story we carred about some school board cancelling an order of good will material (blotters,etc.) because the agency which the ADL was operating in that case—the Institute for American Democracy—had been listed by the House un-American Activities Committee as subversive.

The Post printed the storw without ulterior motive,, and also noted the fact that the school board was in error—that the Institute had NOT been listed as subversive.

I can assure Ben that he was unduly exercised over nothing more than straight reporting, and his characterization of that story as something Gerald L. K. Smith might do, was totally out of place. I dont really even have to defend The Post's position in the matter. Gerald L. K. Smith, for instance, might take the story of the overcharging by kosher butchers and use it against the Jewish group, whereas The Post would—and does—print that kind of a story as a legitimate news story.

Ben's second complaint had more validity as to judgement but not any more at all in terms of his criticism of Post policy. He complained because Columnist Carl Alpert had ridiculed the B'nai B'rith for jumping so solidily on the Israel bandwagon once the Jewish State was proclaimed.

The Post has a right to censor its columnists, but I can hardly recall any occasion when the right was exercised. I can remember when M. Z. Frank beat Harry to the gun several years when he called a certain rabbi an S.O.B. for evading the chanlainey. I let that one go through and the rabbi and I are quite good friends today.

But I disagree with Carl—as it so happens—because I don't hold with the Zionists that other organizations—like the B'nai B'rith—shouldn't be welcomed with open arms just because they are Johnny-come-lately into the Zionist ranks and because some years back they might have obstructed drive toward the Zionist goals.

I feel differently. I would take Frank Goldman, the B'nai president, and put him on the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America, or give him a seat on a new American Zionist Emergency committee that would include every Jewish organization.

Here is manpower ready to work for Palestine and that is the only consideration. I would erase from my mind completely the fact that the B'nai B'rith kept the Zionist issue from reaching a decision within its own organization because the order included many non and anti-Zionists in its membership. Thats past history, and I'm not at all concerned with who gets credit for what. I'm concerned only with one thing—will it help Israel?

So Ben Epstein took The Post to task for the two "sins" listed, neither of which has any validity as far as newspaper policy, or this paper's integrity is concerned.

If a story in The Post seems to suggest an ulterior motive, my best advice is to stop worrying; we never worry about it here. We simply produce a newspaper; we print the news. Most certainly we go after the news as energetically as we know how; and frequently we can smell a story for weeks before it comes to the public print.

But by now, people ought to give us credit for being honest, and unfortunately very broke. The Post sins frequently both in acts of commission and ommission. But the sins haven't been and won't be sins of deliberate bias, target practice or grudge fights.

WITH THE RABBIS

APPOINTMENTS

Rabbi Jacob M. Chintz, formerly of the Kingsbridge Heights Jewish Center of the Bronx; as assistant rabbi of the Kinsman Jewish Center, in Cleveland.

Rabbi Albert B. Schwartz; as spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Greater Boston.

Rabbi B. Joseph Elefant, formerly rabbi of the Jewish community of Benton Harbor, Mich.; as rabbi in Beaver Falls, Pa.

ANNIVERSARIES

Rabbi Julius Eidenbaum was honored for 10 years of service to the Beth David Jewish Center at Clinton Manor, N. J.

Rabbi David Aronson, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, will be honored for 25 years in the pulpit of Beth El, Mineapolis, April 28-29.

BIRTHS

A first son to Rabbi and Mrs. Oscar Kline of Congregation B'nai Zion in Newark, N. J.

A daughter, their third, to Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham I. Feldbin of Congregation Shaari Israel of Brooklyn.

Syrian Jewish DPs Forced From Hong Kong

HONG KONG—(JTA)—Approximately ten Syrian Jewish families who found refuge here following the outbreak of Arab-Isratli hostilities last year have been compelled to move to the Portuguese island colony on Macao, it was reported here this week.

The Jewish families—part of a group of 30 families who came here from Damascus following the outbreak of pogroms in Syria—were denied extension of their alien residence permits despite intervention in their behalf by local Jewish leaders. Hong Kong authorities alleged that the Syrian Jews were engaging in illegal gold transactions.

Philadelphia Rabbi Dies At 70

PHILADELPHIA — (NJP) — Rabbi Abraham H. Dantowitz died here on April 1 at the age of 70.

He was formerly associated with local Orthodox synagogues and is survived by his six children.

Editorial Page

Evaluating the Work of The NCCJ

The very impressive letter in last week's Post from Mrs. David Wodlinger of Chicago outlining briefly some of the constructive work of the National Council of Christians and Jews would seem to vindicate that organization completely.

Yet all the work outlined by Mrs. Wodlinger, valuable as it is, has been given a place of minor importance by the Jewish groups fighting to safeguard the civil rights of the Jewish group. And it requires this kind of understanding of exactly what our civic defense groups consider of prime importance to properly evaluate the work the NCCJ is doing.

All the Jewish civic defense groups from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress consider the fight of the Jewish group to be part of the struggle of all minorities for the extension of democracy to all areas of the U. S. In line with this view, the National Community Relations Advisory Council has endorsed the FEPC, has led the figm against released time because of the threat to the concept of the separation of church and state, seeks to end discriminatory clauses in real estate contracts and so on.

In these areas, Jews recognize the real fight of the Jewish group. The work of the NCCJ has its place and all the Jewish agencies are active in fields similar to those in which the NCCJ operates.

But the NCCJ has refused, for instance, to back such an accepted addition to our laws as FEPC, although in principle the NCCJ now endorses it. The NCCJ has ruled out all political action, yet experience has shown that almost solely in this way can progress be made in broadening civil rights.

This then is the context in which Mrs. Wodlinger's letter must be judged, a context that should include recall of the fact that no Jewish group has ever advocated the dissolution of the NCCJ.

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Judaism Might Return To Active Proselgtizing

The story in last week's Post about the Jewish fraternity which has admitted non-Jews to membership represents exactly the kind of full equality the Jewish group wants. In time, if the drive for equality is successful, more and more fraternities will admit Jews and mixing on social levels will not be limited to fraternities.

In other areas of association between Jew and non-Jew the barriers will be lowered and the results will be better understanding and, as a natural concomitant, more intermarriage.

This seeming dilemma cannot be avoided. The more Jews and non-Jews mix together socially, the more they will be inclined to admire one another. Where the opposite sex is concerned, that situation leads to intermarriage.

Under the Jewish group's present unbalanced attitude towards intermarriage, many a Jew who intermarries will be excluded and lost to Judaism. Even under the most benign attitude toward intermarriage—where the Jewish group would accept into full membership the intermarried couple—there will be many Jews who will join the religious group of their mate because of various factors.

This and assimilation from other sources will surely cause a significant decline in the numbers of the U. S. Jewish community unless something is done about it.

It is much too early to prescribe now but just to start Post readers in the direction of some thought, we'll offer one possible avenue—that Judaism one again become an actively proselytizing religion.

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Have We A Responsibility In The Case Of The Arab DPs?

Although the weight of justice is on the side of Israel, we would not like to see as the final word in the matter the present stand of the Israeli Government in connection with the Arabs who fled Jewish Palestine before the conquering Jewish Army.

Regardless of who is responsible, these Arabs know Jewish Palestine as their home and all who wish to return should be enabled to do so at the proper time. The burden for their return obviously should not be placed on the Israel Government, but an outright refusal to accept them back is not justice either.

The hands of the Israel Government are full with the primary duty of providing for the Jewish DPs now streaming in but this does not absolve the Government of all responsibility for the Arabs.

The precedent for a passive disinterest in the plight of uprooted people has already long since been set by the rest of the nations. But Israel cannot be like the other nations. Jewish conscience will not allow it to be so. We all know that the members of the Arab League are to blame for the plight of the Arab DPs but Arab ethics are not such as to lead Arab leaders to accept that responsibility. This unfortunately throws a burden on Israel at a time when it can hardly afford to accept any new obligations, moral or otherwise.

Yet we have faith that the Israeli Government will not fail in this situation, either.

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Current Comment

Judaism has never frowned on good judgment in distributing charity, says Rabbi Harry Halpern of the East Midwood Jewish Center in urging Jews to investigate before giving to unknown causes.—The doorbell rang and when I opened the door I saw a woman holding in her hand a printed document with a large gold seal. "I'm collecting for the poor children," she said. "Maybe you would like to help up out."

I examined her credentials and found that she was sent by some small nondescript organization which claims to give religious training and meals to its students. Since I was unfamiliar with the organization I politely declined to contribute. The lady was disappointed but she left after trying to convince me of the worthwhileness of the cause.

From various sources I have heard that such collectors appear periodically, soliciting funds for institutions here or abroad. Sometimes the solicitor is a man whom unsuspecting housewives designate as "rabbis". One day told me that she always gives them something because she is afraid that they will curse her for refusing to contribute. Even business office and factories are visited by these "fund-raisers", to whom a secretary or a switchboard-operator is instructed to make a contribution.

Throughout its history the Jewish people has taught and practised the ideal of philanthrophy. There is a rabbinic statement that charity outweighs all other meritorious deeds and Jews have always acted on the basis of this attitude. But we may be sure that the rabbis did not intend to encourage begging. They point out that the highest form of charity is that which does not degrade the recipient but rehabilitates him, enabling him to support himself.

Indiscriminate giving is not a virtue. It is the easiest method of ridding oneself of a nuisance. It gives no thought to the value of the gift but is merely a sort of balm which soothes the conscience.

We should do our best to aid indigent human beings but we should discourage those who play upon the sympathies of their well-meaning brethren. If these traveling solicitors are rabbis, then it is degrading to them to be compelled to support themselves in this way. There should be a fund for aid to superannuated rabbis. If, on the other hand, these people are merely mendicants, they should be treated as such.

The superstitious fear of curses hurled by disgruntled beggars should be overcome by the clear conscience of anyone who does his share in recognized philanthropic efforts. There is room, to be sure, for aid to needy people, on an individual basis but the place for such aid is not on the front doorstep after a plea by some unknown person. Judaism has never frowned upon using good judgment in distributing charity.

Letters should be brief and to the point, and written on one side of the page only.

Freedom of The Press

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U. S. Non-Jews Ignorant On Jews; Need Brother Week

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

Now that the smoke of the Fire of Brotherhood has abated, I would like to take issue with those who say that Brotherhood Week is of no value.

A small percentage of Americans are philo-semitic; another small percentage are anti-semitic; but it is my contention that the vast majority of Americans are completely ignorant of the whole problem.

They have no knowledge of Jews, or Judaism; of Synagogue, or Israel. These are predominantly the people who come to Brotherhood activities out of a naive curiosity to learn what it's all about.

I say that these people are helped immeasurably. A proper dose of positive Judaism injects them with an anti-toxin which may ward off future poisons for years to come.

One of your Rabbis complained that he would not accept an exchange of pulpits unless he were invited first. He seems to infer that the latter doesn't happen anywhere, therefore all Brotherhood activities are a one-sided farce.

It seems to me that out West the reverse is true. Our Rabbis are constantly in demand by the Christian groups for exchange of pulpits. Perhaps an active chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews spells the difference. For example, I received four invitations to exchange pulpits. Naturally I took the most worthy bidder. I exchanged with one of the leading Congregations in the United States, the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church of Minnesota. Not only did Rabbi and Minister exchange, but our congregants came to both services.

We had as many hundreds of Christians as Jews in the Synagogue Friday night. On Sunday morning we spoke to three thousand congregants in the Church. We made up about 5% of their congregation in keeping with our quota in the population.

The most interesting feature of Brotherhood Month came in the form of a visit by the Members of the Ministerial Association and their wives to a regular Friday night service in the Synagogue. The Ministerial Association decided to have their regular monthly meeting take the form of a visit to the Synagogue. We made no special "tzimes" about the fact, nor did we make any changes in our Sabbath Service. We had about a thousand people in the Synagogue that night; two hundred and fifty of whom were ministers and their wives.

I present these facts to you simply to point out to our Rabbis in the East, who think that all Brotherhood activities are sycophantic pursuals of Christian by Jews—that there is another side to this picture.

RABBI MORRIS GORDON

Minneapolis

WOULD DR. BELKIN HAVE TAKEN CHALLENGE OF CHAZARA KING?

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

You will recall our exchange last fall on the issue of democracy and dictatorship in Jewish life. This is an attempt to draw some further conclusions. I then said that after the Truman victory at the polls, the Silver dictatorship in the Zionist Organization of America would have to yield to a new crop of leaders in the best interest of the Jewish people. You were a little incredulous at the time.

Meanwhile, I suppose, fast developing facts have shown to you and others that my analysis as well as my forecast was right. Since we do live in America, the Republican defeat must bring in its wake the defeat of the Republican and anti-Labor clique in American Jewish life.

Also in other respects I hope you will put yourself on the side of the angels, eventually. If you want to know who the angels are in a democracy, let me tell you they may be known, among other things, by their lack of fright at the sight of Gentiles. This aims at Dr. Belkin, president of Yeshiva University who would not permit us (if he could) to invite Gentle frends to our synagogues and meeting places for fear that, on listening to them, we might be converted to Christianity.

Just the opposite, I would say! The more ministers one hears sermonizing the less one is inclined to put much stock by them. On the other hand, there is no reason, historically and philosophically, why Jews could not make proselytes among worthy non-Jews, as soon as they shed their Ghetto cowardice and clannishness. The very house of David stems from a non-Jewish ancestress, as the Torah tells us in the Book of Ruth.

In view of this imagine our present-day Mizrachi brethren who would bar another Ruth from entering Israel and thus not only shame us in the council of nations but even (who knows) prevent the coming of the Mashiach.

Dr. Belkin might also have heard of the Book Kusari by Yehuda Halevi of Toledo, one of the gems of medieval Jewish literature, before it was Ghettoized and sheltered air-tight.

There the story is told of the King of the Chazara (oi veh, Gentiles!) who invited a Christian, a Moslem and a Jewish sage to his pagan court, in order to find "the truth." The Jew, unaware as he was of Dr. Belkin's anathema against the "danger" of mingling with non-Jews, rather innocently accepted the challenge, crossed his spiritual swords with the Christian and Moslem, won the contest, and far from being converted himself, converted the king and many of his people to the Jewish faith.

The story makes worthwhile reading today, both in the Pardes Publishing House and in the East and West Library editions. At any rate, I am perfectly sure that a progressive Judaism will pass the same test today. Such a Judaism commands the allegiance of youth and hence stands in no fear of democracy.

WERNER J. CAHNMAN

New York

Says Belkin's Stand Is Not A Retreat

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

Your editorial entitled "Is This The Right Way?" (March 4) leaves me with the impression that you have not read Dr. Belkin's statement very carefully.

You state: "The American Jew will have to learn how to live as a Jew in this environment; retreating from the environment is no answer." I think it is obvious that the American environment is not necessarily that of a Christian church and that living in our environment does not require either attendance at a church or the participation of Christian ministers in Jewish religious functions. Would you require Democratic speakers at Repblican meetings because our environment happens to be Democratic?

You state further: "Many Jewish communities in Europe withdrew from world progress . . . understanding that paticipation in the emancipation movement meant a weakening of the Jewish spirit." On reading the full text of Dr. Belkin's statement I fail to find any reference to emancipation. On the contrary, Dr. Belkin states that the Yeshiva "considers it a privilege, indeed, to count among its honorary alumni liberal spirits of great distinction in the American non-Jewish community." To accuse the head of Yeshiva University of opposition to emancipation is absurd.

Let me quote one sentence which summarizes Dr. Belkin's idea: "Real good will, will stem not from the exchange of pulpits, but rather from ethical and moral conduct among Jews and Gentiles in their day to day dealings with each other, and from their common activity in humanitarian and philanthropic enterprises." Is that retreating?

RABBI ARTHUR OLES

Mount Carmel, Pa.

Reader Apologizes To Cohen Family

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

First of all, I wish to apologize to Mr. Alfred M. Cohen's family. I want you to understand that I meant nothing disrespectful when I inquired if Mr. Cohen attended Friday night services. All I knew about Mr. Cohen was what I read in The National Jewish Post of Feb. 25, and no mention was made of the age or that he attended Saturday morning services for so many years.

Mr. Salzer, I envy you knowing such a person as you describe in The Post of March 18. May he rest in peace. I am a believer in brotherhood, too, not just for one week but for 52 weeks a year.

MRS. SHIRLEY ARKIN

Chicago

Free Synagogue's Not First Nursery

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

With reference to your article about the Nursery School of the Free Synagogue, I felt I should advise you that Temple Israel, Omaha, has a nursery school for three-and four-year-olds that is completing its fourth year of five-day-a-week sessions. I feel certain that several other Reform congregations also have five-day-week nursery schools.

While I do not claim that ours is the first in this field, I do know that we have had many interested persons write us for information gained by us in our several years of experience.

ELIZABETH HART

Executive Secretary.

YESHIVA U ANSWER DOESN'T SATISFY; ASKS STATISTICS ON MIXED PEWS

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I hope you will permit me to answer Rabbi Irwin Gordon's letter in the March 25 Post. Rabbi Gordon makes a few nice statements which are well-worded phrases but do not agree with the facts.

Why is it that a good percentage of the graduates of Yeshiva University hold positions with mixed pews? I have even heard that such positions are recommended at the outset to new graduates. Let us see statistics and see if those who found "the pickings easier on the non-orthodox side" are few or many.

If these men are showing "mesiras nefesh" why do they not leave these positions with mixed pews? I haven't yet seen a Rabbi return a Synagogue to the fold but I have seen many congregations turn from separate to mixed pews and the Rabbi remained. All through the Southwest, so-called Orthodox Synagogues have mixed pews. I wish Rabbi Gordon would give us the exact statistics. How many Orthodox Synagogues have mixed pews and how many do not?

Regarding the "Goodwill movement." I heartily agree with him but results will not be achieved by mere statements.

I also do not like the attitude of Rabbi Gordon. I think there should be more goodwill among us Jews. Why knock or attack other institutions? Can we not better work together? Last week, I was shocked to see a pamphlet in New York City issued by Yeshiva University advising members not to visit the Jewish Museum because it is connected with or sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary. Is this fair? Is this the way we hope to keep our youth? Let us have more tolerance and goodwill among ourselves.

B. HARRIS

New York City

OVERSEAS NEEDS DESERVE PRIORITY BUT U. S. JEWISH LIFE SUFFERING

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

You receive so many letters of criticism that once in a while a complimentary letter may not be amiss. I think your recent editorial, "This also is Long Overdue," is entitled to the thanks and praise of both the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Yeshiva and the Hebrew Theological College.

What you write is certainly no secret. Not only are the fund-raising campaigns of the Hebrew Union College and the JTS having "tough sledding" but so are all the campaigns because of the terrific pressures created in each community by the tremendous amounts needed for overseas relief and resettlement in Israel. All thinking Jews recognize that the latter two needs are of paramount and primary importance at this time. Yet it would be a sad commentary of later generations upon ours if in doing so magnificent a job for European Jewry and for the upbuilding of Israel were we to continue any longer to neglect the religious and cultural needs of American Jewry — needs which could not possibly be met without these institutions, Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion and the Jewish Theological Seminary, being strengthened and expanded in their present programs and activities.

May your statement that the change is already in the air and that soon these two agencies in the United States, which are destined to play the greatest part towards creating a positive American Jewish community, get first consideration and not continue to be overlooked or ignored, be not merely the father to a wish but an augury of an awakened realization on the part of American Jewry that they cannot continue to live on the cultural heritage of Europe and Israel, but can only be a vibrant vital and strong American Jewish community if they develop, expand and strengthen an indigenous American Jewish religious and cultural tradition of their own, one which will hark back to the golden ages of Jewish culture such as arose in Babylonia and Spain in the golden ages of our Jewish eras.

MAXWELL ABELL

Chairman, National Planning and Campaign Committee,

Jewish Theological Seminary

Chicago

Asks Community Act On Kosher Meat Prices

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I was very much interested in the three articles pertaining to kosher meat prices which are contained in your March 25th edition.

Perhaps the New York community has been lax about an organized effort to look into the matter, but basically it is certain they would act if there was some central point of organization. The WORLD-TELEGRAM ran an article questioning the high price of kosher meat here and also published some price comparisons.

At that time I took the liberty of making up a little petition protesting the high meat prices and asking for an investigation. It certainly would be a great service to the community if we could get to the bottom of the kosher meat situation.

MRS. N. MOLLOV

New York, N. Y.

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Attendance At Regular Services Is Like High Holy Days Elsewhere

Six Synagogues of Miami Beach Packed For Every Friday Night

MIAMI—The bittersweet dream of every U.S. rabbi—overflow attendance for every Friday night service, rain or shine—has come to pass in the last place in the U.S. where it might be expected—the Jewish playground of Miami Beach.

One of the lushest resort areas in the world, Miami Beach fills its six temples and synagogues every Friday night, an exclusive survey by The Post revealed.

A personal survey one recent Friday evening found four synagogues filled, with standing room only for those who didn't get there early enough. A fifth synagogue and a Jewish academy also were filled to capacity. The survey night involved no special events; no Jewish State had emerged; no special children's program was on for proud parents; no special attractions were staged. It was a normal Sabbath night—and the houses of worship were jammed.

Post Exclusive

This picture must be measured against the background of the fact that the population of Miami Beach to a large extent is a transient one.

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Attendance Analysis Shows A Marvel

A breakdown of attendance by synagogues highlights a remarkable development, perhaps not duplicated anywhere else in the U. S.

The oldest synagogue on the Beach is Beth Jacob, an Orthodox congregation led by Rabbi Moses Meccheloff. He told The Post that when he assumed the pulpit 12 years ago, "we were the only synagogue on the Beach. Despite the fact that five more synagogues have been built since, we still have been able to double our membership."

He said he has an overflow attendance of 1,000 every Friday night during the winter months for his 900-seat house and that attendance during the summer months remains close to that figure.

The largest synagogue is the Conservative Miami Beach Community Center with 1,900 seats. This congregation, under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Irving Lehrman, has been in its new building only last fall, but the 1,900 seats are filled every Friday night, and there is an overflow.

On Saturday mornings, the synagogue also fills to capacity. Rabbi Lehrman assumed his post six years ago when the membership was 360. It now stands at 650.

Worried Already

"When we first built the new Center, which still is unfinished, we were a little doubtful that we could fill all the seats," Rabbi Lehrman said. "We are in here only a few months and now we are worried about finding room for handling the overflow."

A similar record of amazing growth was reported by Reform Temple Beth Sholom, led by Rabbi Leon Kronish. The Temple started with 20 members six years ago and now has a membership nearing the 500 mark.

Beth Sholom is filled every Friday of the winter seasaon. Though the Temple has seats for only 700, regular attendance usually is around the 1,000 mark.

Despite the fact that the new Reform Temple Isaiah not only has no permanent home but has been forced from its first temporary home by Dan Arnstein, a wealthy New Yorker, services have been well attended.

The Temple was compelled to move from a temporary site when Arnstein filed a suit charging the services disturbed him. (NJP, Jan., Feb., 1949).

Growing Fast

The six months-old congregation has about 100 members and at a typical recent service, attendance was about 500, and each Friday night has seen an increase. The Temple, now meeting in the auditorium of a real estate building provided by non-Jews after the eviction, has had overflow crowds during the past month for the 400 available seats.

Rabbi David Raab told The Post that by this summer, the Temple hopes to have a site for a permanent home. A building has been started early in March and the basket is passed each Friday night to help meet expenses.

"This is only a temporary measure, of course, until the Temple is more permanently established," Rabbi Raab said.

Second Orthodox

Rabbi Joseph Rackovsky of Beth Tfila is leader of the second Orthodox congregation on the Beach. Its membership, according to the rabbi, is mostly of tourists.

"We sell seats during the High Holy Days and the sale to our 900 members takes care of our budget," he said.

Beth Tfila has a capacity crowd every Friday evening and on Saturday mornings. The synagogue is well filled also during the summer months, when the rest of U. S. congregational life is on a vacation.

Dr. David Andron, founder of the Hebrew Academy, said services are held every Friday with a member of the congregation conducting services. There is no formal collection of membership dues; contributions are made by those attending.

On an average Saturday, attendance reaches 100 or more. Those attending are in the immediate neighborhood and are strictly Orthodox. Services are held in the auditorium of the school and the attendance is regarded as excellent in view of the absence of a rabbi and the strict Orthodoxy.

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Tourist Attendance A Unique Problem

Because the Beach population is a transient one, the Beach rabbis have a special problem. A large proportion of those who pack the synagogues are tourists, who naturally do not wish to formally affiliate themselves, particularly when many of them hold synagogue memberships in their home cities. Such worshippers use facilities they do not help to support by membership.

Some attempts have been made to deal with the situation and in various ways the tourist worshippers help to support the institutions they use but their regular attendance remains a unique twist on the headache of more stable Jewish congregational areas where non-member worshippers are a chronic—though smaller—problem.

How They Do It

For instance, visitors at Beth Jacob make contributions by attending affairs sponsored by the Sisterhood. No appeals are made but attendance by tourists is consistently high and in this fashion they have contributed to the upkeep and of its religious srhool, keep of the synagogue and of its religious school.

Rabbi Lehrman said that visiting worshippers contribute seven and one-half per cent to the Miami Beach Community Center. Appeals are made from time to time during the services.

"We are building our program around the permanent members," he said. "Our synagogue is open to tourists but we are not dependent on them."

Rabbi Kronish is particularly aware of the visiting worshipper problem at Beth Sholom, remarking "we have 50 per cent tourist attendance. Visitors contribute but do not join."

What Can Be Done?

"Many tourists stay in Miami Beach for the season (six months), attend services regularly but still do not become members," he said. "It is a problem, but there isn't much we can do about it, except to make appeals for them to join. Temple affairs are well attended and supported by both members and visitors."

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Not a Freak, Say the Rabbis

All of the rabbis believe that the present situation is not a freak and that as the comparatively new Miami Beach community of some 16,000 Jews grows, more families will join the synagogues.

Nor do the rabbis trim sails out of possible deference to conservative attitudes of Jews with money. The Miami Beach rabbis are thunderous denouncers of iniquity wherever they see it.

During the trial of Charles Winters, the first of the defendants in the Miami-Israel arms smuggling case, the rabbis bitterly assailed both the arrest and sentencing of the young Christian defendant. They spoke from their pulpits and they spoke to the press.

When the High Holy Days come, Miami Beach rabbis really have a problem. Normal Friday evening attendance at Miami Beach is of the density of High Holy Day attendance elsewhere in the U. S. High Holy Day services in Miami Beach simply swamp the available facilities and the rabbis do the best they can on a first-come, first-seated basis.

The record crowds would be amazing for any U.S. Jewish community. They are doubly so in Miami Beach where the counter-attractions are impressive. They include some of the ritziest clubs in the world. Big name acts like Harry Richman, Sophie Tucker and Danny Kaye are no novelty but the SRO sign is on the synagogues, not on the nightclubs.

In part, the rabbis trace the extraordinary attendance to the ery factor which logically would seem to be a barrier to attendance: the vacation spirit.

Here's One Story

A tourist visitor from Vermont summed it up in this fashion:

"I have never enjoyed services as much as I do here. I'm on vacation here. There's no rush to get the dishes done and the children put to bed. I walk over to the synagogue relaxed. I join in the singing. I enjoy it better than any show or night club."

For Five Years of Leadership

The spiritual leader of the largest synagogue in Miami Beach receives congratulations and a check from Jack A. Ablin as Joseph M. Rose, president of the congregation looks on. The occasion was the fifth anniversary of Rabbi Irving Lehrman's spiritual leadership of the Miami Beach Jewish Community Center.

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Conservatives Have Most Temple Seats

MIAMI — There are nearly 5,000 synagogue seats for the 16,000 Jews of Miami with 1,900 seats for Conservative adherents as the largest number.

Orthodoxy, with some 1,800 seats is second and Reform with 1,100 seats, is third.

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Erie Temple Tries Attendance Pledge

ERIE, Pa—(NJP)—Rabbi Randall M. Falk disclosed this week that his Congregation Anshe Hesed tried the experiment last fall of signed pledges of attendance.

Rabbi Falk made his disclosure in connection with a report that Rabbi Maurice Goldblatt of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation planned to circulate such pledge cards this spring to his synagogue. (NJP March 25).

"We have a congregation of about 280 families, and slightly over a third of them signed the pledge and returned it to the office," Rabbi Falk said. "Practically all who signed last fall have been rather faithful in attempting to live up to it."

The Anshe Hesed pledge calls for a promise to attend service at least twice a month; agreement to get children to religion school "regularly and on time"; and agreement not to hold social functions of any kind on Friday evenings "until after the time that Sabbath services have been concluded."

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WHY SHOULD FREDDY BE ASHAMED?

By DENA WENGER

FREDDY's mother glanced uneasily at the clock. It was mornings such as this one that made her vow to get a record made, a record repeating just one sentence: "Hurry, Freddy, you'll be late!" The warning on the disc would save wear and tear on her vocal chords, but she doubted if it would get Fred to school with more than a second to spare before the tardy bell rang. Freddy's brain could "churn" thoughts a mile a minute, but Freddy's hands and feet had one speed: SLOW!

At last the boy appeared, eyes shining with happy anticipation, cap slightly askew, arms filled with a bulging paper sack.

"Don't worry, mom. I'll make it before the bell rings; it took a little extra time t'get my equipment ready."

"Equipment?" Mother was trying hard not to lose patience. "Freddy, what are you carrying to school in that bag? You'll have all you can do to get yourself there on time without taking along any excess baggage."

It was plain to see that young Fred felt his mother's last remarks to be extremely sacreligious. With solemn dignity he produced the contents of the bag for her inspection. The "equipment" consisted of a yarmalke, a hagadath, the book "One God," and several pieces of matzoh carefully wrapped in wax paper.

"Today, I'm going to tell the story of Passover to all the children in my room," he announced.

"Why, Freddy, that's fine." Quickly his mother replaced the equipment. "Did Mrs. Downing, your teacher, ask you to?"

"No, but I'm going to anyhow. Today we're having 'show and tell time.' See, mom, once a week anyone can show and tell anything they want to. I'm the only Jewish person in my room, so I've decided to show and tell about Pesach. Do you think there's enough matzoh there to pass around? There's about 30 kids in my room," he added anxiously.

With a frantic look at the clock, Freddy's mother hurried back to the kitchen and added more matzoh to the 'equipment.' With pride she watched her little boy hurry off to school proudly carrying his precious package.

That morning Freddy was truly enjoying the democracy and freedom of America. Uninhibited and with pride he chose to share his customs and his heritage with his Christian classmates. For Freddy it was the natural thing to do.

Firmly estblished in the pattern of Jewish living at home, fortified with faith and with knowledge, young Fred found it neither desirable nor necessary to suppress his own attitude toward his faith.

His mother hoped he'd stay that way. Perhaps he would, for didn't an ancient sage of Israel once say, "Train up a child in the way he should go and even when he is old he will not depart from it."

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Things to Think About

Holidays are just like any other days if you let them slip by without any special significant observance. Fortunate are those children for observance, celebration, and thoughtful contemplation. How easy it is for those children to hold their heads high, to say proudly, "This is my holiday, this is why and how I observe it."

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Passover and 4th of July Are Alike

DEAR Boys and Girls, Shalom:

I don't suppose that I have to remind you about the holiday which we will begin to observe this Wednesday evening. You have probably heard much about it in your Sunday school and Hebrew classes. Mother has probably been working very hard, giving the house an extra-special cleaning. You may have helped Dad bringing up silverware in cartons that have been stored away in the cellar or attic. Your groceryman, I suppose, has already delivered a special order of very special foods.

So it's not much of my reminding you that next week we begin to celebrate Pesach or Passover.

This is that glorious holiday that reminds me so much of the Fourth of July! Both celebrate freedom. The Fourth reminds us of the Declaration of Independence and the fight of the thirteen American colonies for their freedom. Passover recalls the ancient story of the delivery from Egyptian slavery of our people many thousands of years ago.

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Some of you may not enjoy the eight-day Passover holiday, because you have to give up those chocolate ice-cream sodas and those scrumptious banana splits. But the many boys and girls that I have met and spoken to seem to look forward to this festival. What is it that they really enjoy about Passover?

Well, first, Passover ushers in spring and warm weather. And with that, comes a refreshing spring house-cleaning through Mother's hard work. The arrangement in the living room may be changed and everything about the approaching holiday feels so clean and fresh.

Then, Passover is so very different than the rest of the year! We eat special foods (fried matzoh, for instance) out of special dishes. And for eight days, we don't eat many of the foods which we have enjoyed throughout the rest of the year. I really believe that when you can walk past the corner ice cream store during Passover and NOT go in, you have learned the real lesson of Pesach which is freedom. In order to teach us what freedom means, for a period of eight days, all Jewish people are not permitted to be free to eat anything they choose.

By sacrificing those chocolate-covered almond bars and the ice-cream sundaes during Passover, we learn what it means to suffer hardships and not be able to do what we please. I certainly hope that you think of this when you are standing in front of the candy shop in your neighborhood during Passover!

And finally, there is the Seder. Families gather together on the first two nights of Passover to read the story of the festival from books called the Haggadah. Dad or grandfather sits at the head of the large table covered with a beautiful white cloth on which are the different symbols of the holiday. There the entire family—brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins—read of the glorious history of the Jewish people, offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for freedom, sing those wonderful Passover melodies, ask the four questions and listen to the answers, legend and stories.

And do you know what? On the nights of the Seder, and at no other time, are boy and girls allowed to break one of the Ten Commandments Even though we are taught not to steal, only at the Seder table are boys and girls permitted to try to steal the Afikomen. (The Afikomen is a matzoh which is used as the dessert of the dinner. The Seder cannot be completed until the person who has "stolen" the Afikomen returns it and is rewarded.

I certainly hope that you will be one of the many, many boys and girls throughout the world who will attend a Seder and enjoy the festival of Passover.

Shalom,

HERBERT WEINBERG

Within the framework of the austerity plan introduced by the Controller of Supplies, local factories are engaged in the manufacture of austerity clothing, shoes and linen goods. These products will be much lower in price than similar goods now on the market in Israel.

Trial Ballons Up For Exchange Idea

Britain Hints Willingness to Aid Mass Resettlement of Arab DPs

NEW YORK—The Israel Government and the American section of the Jewish Agency joined this week in a trial balloon campaign for exchange of Jews in Moslem lands for the Arab DPs and a British spokesman hinted at British willingness to aid in the Arab portion of the proposed resettlement program.

The Agency spokesman for the plan was Nahum Goldmann, acting chairman of the American section. In speeches at Montreal and Cleveland, he said Israel must and would help the Arab refugee problem "by constructive methods."

GOLDMANN

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency quoted him as saying in Montreal that "Israel will help in their resettlement in Arab countries, thus avoiding the creation of a dangerous minority problem in Israel."

In Cleveland according to The Post's correspondent, Goldmann said that resettlement of the Arab refugees would require "colossal sacrifices" and will have to be solved by Israel and not by Zionists outside of Israel.

In London, according to a JTA report, an Israeli spokesman said the solution for the Palestinian Arab DP problem would have to be reached quickly to relieve the suffering of hundreds of thousands of persons.

The JTA said the spokesman rapped the Arab countries neighboring on Israel for an unwillingness to tackle the problem. He dismissed charges in the House of Lords that 220 Arab DPs are dying daily. He cited official figures proving that food supplies which the Arabs are receiving compare favorably with wartime British rations.

London Serious

From London came the report that British Government is giving "serious consideration" to providing financial help for resettlement of Arab DPs in Transjordan.

Sir Alec Kirkbride, British minister to Amman, made the proposal on a recent visit to London. It was reported that the general idea was approved by the British Foreign Office.

The Archbishop of York, bitter foe of Jewish aspirations in Palestine, warned that the people of Israel did not realize what harm the premanent barring of the Arab refugees would do not only to their reputations but also to their security.

He warned that Jewish State might some day find itself without the support of the United States and Russia, and surrounded by tens of thousands of Arabs, thirsting for revenge.

"There is no hope of permanent peace if there remains this sore of bitterness on the part of the refugees," he said.

The Israeli have insisted that the settlement of the issue must be part of a general peace settlement but there has been no public comment on the fact that the exchange plan fails to deal with the refusal of the Arab states to yield their Jews and their strong distaste for accepting hundreds of thousands of Arab refugees.

NAT HOLMAN SAILS FOR ISRAEL TO HELP DEVELOP SPORT THERE

NEW YORK—Nat Holman, veteran basketball coach of the City College of New York, sailed for Israel this week to help develop his beloved game in the new Jewish State.

He was honored by the United States-Israel committee at a dinner before he left on his first trip. He made the trip on invitation of the Israeli Government to help promote the game.

Holman will spend three weeks in Israel, conducting clinics for coaches, give lectures, stage demonstrations and instruct Israeli players.

A two-day tournament will be presented on his arrival and he will pick 25 of the best candidates for coaching and use as models to demonstrate his teaching methods.

Judge Samuel Leibowitz, chairman of the U. S.-Israel sports committee, said the trip was in line with an Israeli Government policy of inviting leading U. S. personalities in various fields to help the Jewish Republic develop its talents and resources.

Leibowitz said that if Holman can develop a good team, arrangements may be made for a U. S. tour by an Israeli basketball team, similar to the recent tour by the Israeli soccer team.

The Ministry for Trade and Industry has approved the initiation of 70 new industrial projects to cost $40,000,000 and to employ 10,000 workers, Dr. Fritz Bernstein, Minister for Trade and Industry, announced at a press conference here. Most of the plants will manufacture items which have never been produced in Israel before.

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Zionists Battle Over Envoy's Appearance

Detroit Emergency Council Head Apologizes in Elath Dispute

National Jewish Post

DETROIT—A smouldering two months' dispute over the Feb. 28 appearance here of Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Elath (Epstein) burst into the open this week when Sidney M. Shevitz, president of the Detroit Zionist Emergency Council, offered an indirect apology to the Zionist Organization of Detroit.

An apology was demanded by the executive board of the Detroit Zionist district after the Emergency Council voted to take over the auspices of the Elath appearance. The ambassador had first agreed to appear under sponsorship of the ZOA group, and later acceded to the request of the Emergency Council, which coordinates Zionist party activity at the local level, as the American Zionist Emergency Council does nationally.

ELATH

Informed sources here said that a motion to withdraw from the Detroit Emergency Council if no apology was made, was narrowly defeated at the Detroit Zionist district board meeting.

Postpone Action

The final resolution called on postponement of action on the issue until Morris M. Jacobs, Detroit district president, and two other members, confered again with Shevitz.

In his reply, addressed to Jacobs, who also is president of the Michigan Zionist region, Shevitz reviewed the whole story. He mimeographed his letter to Jacobs and sent copies of it to Zionists throughout Detroit.

Shevitz said that the action of the Emergency Council was taken because the coordinating body had no alternative after Elath accepted its invitation. He said the action "was concurred in by an overwhelming majority of the delegates, including several" from the Detroit Zionist district.

Shevitz said that Jewish groups in Detroit had been greatly disturbed by the appearance of speakers hostile to Israel before the weekly luncheons of the powerful Economic Club of Detroit, which includes a sheaf of the Motor City's top industrialists and business leaders.

He said requests made to Allan Crowe, head of the club, to invite speakers friendly to Israel had been rebuffed.

"The next thing that came to my attention in this connection," the letter continued, "was your release in the Anglo-Jewish press of this city wherein you announced that your organization had arranged for the appearance of Ambassador Elath at a luncheon meeting of the Economic Club on Feb. 28, and that while there, the Ambassador would address an evening meeting sponsored by your organization."

Thought It Fishy

Asserting that the Emergency Council had had previous experience of individuals undertaking Emergency Council projects and then claiming credit for their own groups, Shevitz wrote, "frankly, I then interpreted your deviation from custom as a direct, unwarranted assault upon the integrity of the Zionist Emergency Council."

"I also felt that the first appearance before a Jewish audience in our city of Israel's first diplomatic representative to the U. S. should be under auspices of the Emergency Council, representing the totality of the movement in our community," the letter continued.

Shevitz said he would be "less than human" if he did not suspect that the local ZOA group was out to capture Elath's appearance for "partisan" sponsorship.

He disclosed in his letter that he was called by a leader of one of the other Zionist groups and "severely berated" for failing to uphold the authority and prestige of the Emergency Council.

LZOA Got Sore

The organization to which he referred was the Labor Zionists of which he is a member.

The Labor Zionists in Detroit, it developed, extended an invitation to Elath to address their membership either on Feb. 26 or March 1.

"It was then that I took the step of which you complain," Shevitz continued. "On Dec. 29, 1948, I wrote the Ambassador advising him that I was aware of the fact that he was coming to Detroit for the primary purpose of addressing the Economic Club. Accordingly, the invitation of the Emergency Council was extended to him."

Shevitz wrote that on Jan. 7, Elath wrote to him, accepting the invitation of the Emergency Council. Shevitz added that "to those of your board who reasonably and honestly impute to my actions offense to your organization, I repeat that such offense was wholly unintentional and I apologize therefor."

Mrs. Myerson Hits Newsweek Report

MOSCOW (JTA)—Mrs. Golda Myerson, retiring Israeli Minister to the Soviet Union and Israeli Minister of Labor, in a statement to the press on a NEWSWEEK article published last week asserting that she was "indignant over treatment she received during her brief stay in Moscow," declared this week that "I am indeed indignant, not over anything I have met in the U. S. S. R., but with reports of correspondents who, either through sheer ignorance or wilful malice, report such things which are as absurd as they are unfounded."

Mrs. Myerson's statement added that "ever since the Israeli legation came to Moscow, we met nothing but helpfulness and courtesy from everybody whom it was our privilege to meet. I feel almost inclined to believe that it is the cordial relations between the two countries, as expressed between the U.S.S.R. and the Israeli legation, that leads some who are dissatisfied with this, to publish such folly."

One-Day Walkout Staged Through U. S.

ZOA Office Workers Threaten Major Strike in Wage Dispute

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A one-day protest demonstration by professional and office workers of the Zionist Organization of America may be followed by strike action to win a new contract, it was disclosed this week.

At a meeting of the ZOA's professional and clerical chapters, Social Service Employes Local 19, CIO United Office and Professional Workers, held in New York last week, a resolution was adopted approving strike action if needed.

The resolution followed months of fruitless attempts to negotiate a new contract to replace the one that expired last Jan. 1. Union officials contended that the management has refused to consider any demands of the union during four months of negotiation.

The union seeks a 15 per cent wage and salary boost, setting up of job categories, discussion of retirement plans and other issues. Union leaders say the ZOA finance committee, headed by Milton Pollack of Brooklyn, has absolutely refused alternative proposals to arbitrate the dispute.

A full day's work stoppage by the entire staff in ZOA districts throughout the U. S. brought a docketing of all pay envelopes last week for one day's pay.

A letter sent to the ZOA pointed out that the ZOA was the only Jewish social welfare organization with which the union is negotiating that has refused to negotiate wage and salary boosts.

Swedish Bigot Reaches For Youth

STOCKHOLM (JTA)—The notorious Swedish anti-Semite Einer Aaberg, has now extended his activities to Swedish youth, it was learned this week. Pupils at various secondary schools have received anti-Semitic leaflets printed in this country and signed by Aaberg, on behalf of the anti-Jewish Fighting Union of Sweden, which he founded and heads.

The Swedish authorities have long been plagued by Aaberg's activities. He has been accused of printing false material about Jews in English and sending it to Britain, the United States and South Africa.

4 Israeli Soldiers Slain In Ambush

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Four Israeli soldiers were killed this week in an ambush of an Israeli military vehicle in the Hebron area, south of Jerusalem, and two miles south of the front lines, it was learned here.

Earlier, an Israeli government communique ascribed the ambush to uniformed Arabs operating from territory held by the Arab Legion. The communique added that, because of the heightened tension, Israeli forces in the area had been instructed to increase their vigilance. United Nations truce observers were immediately notified, the communique added.

COURT SUIT PLANNED AGAINST ZONING BAN ON JEWISH CENTER

By HARRY CUSHING

National Jewish Post Correspondent

MILTON, Mass.—Court action will be started if a permit for a Jewish Center, which was revoked as cement was being poured for foundations, is not restored, officials of the center said this week.

Dr. Samuel Sunshine, president of the Milton Hebrew Center, said that legal action would follow continued refusal to permit construction.

His announcement was made at the same time that four leading Christian leaders in Quincy issued a public statement charging that outright prejudice was behind the ban.

According to the original plans, the building was to have been completed to the extent of permitting srvices for the High Holy Days next fall. There are 100 Jewish families in Milton, one of the more exclusive residential areas in Greater Boston.

Rev Bebdos Behabian, local Congregation minister who wrote the statement, told The Post that the Milton officials "bit off more than they can chew" and that the action was motivated by sheer prejudice.

The permit to build the center was revoked as cement was being poured for the foundations last week. Arthur Greenberg, chairman of the building committee, said the act by building inspector Carl R. Horne, represented a case of prejudice.

Horne said he was acting in accordance with zoning laws. Town officials said the neighborhood was zoned for residency with provisions for houses of worship.

The statement of the four Quincy ministers said they had examined the by-laws of the proposed center, talked to center officials "and feel certain that the building is being erected as a religious center."

Signing with Rev. Behadrian were Rev. Thomas Bridges, Episcopalian; Rev. Wallace Bush, Unitarian; and Rev. Joseph Parkman, Congregationalist.

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